

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS FORMS OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is making efforts to develop various forms of medicines including innovations in mixed medicines as an affordable health tool for the common man;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): A scheme entitled "Drugs and pharmaceuticals Research programme" is being operated by the Department of Science & Technology since 1994-95 and has so far supported 38 industry/institutional collaborative Research & Development projects related to development and standardization of herbal drugs to treat several diseases, development of vaccines, diagnostic kits, synthesis of new chemical entitles, development of new drug delivery system etc. In addition, Indian drug companies have been carrying out research programmes for development of a number of drugs required for major diseases as well as development of new molecules of pharmaceutical value for treatment of diseases.